

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent No. 6,928,942 B2

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For: **DOWNCOMER FOR MARINE VESSELS**

ATTENTION: OFFICE OF PATENT PUBLICATION  
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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.322 AND 35 U.S.C. 254**

An error on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office appears in the above-identified U.S. Patent No. 6,928,942 B2. It is submitted that the error is clearly disclosed by the records of the Office, namely the response to final office action filed on 18 March 2005 and the notice of allowability indicating that the allowed claims are 1-11 and 14. Claim 14 would have been renumbered as claim 12 by the Examiner prior to issuance, however, printed claim 12 in U.S. Patent No. 6,928,942 B2 does not contain all of the text submitted in claim 14 as filed on 18 March 2005. According to the PAIR system, the 26 April 2005 claim listing prepared by the Office is only one page, but the claims received by the Office from applicant on 18 March 2005 constituted two pages. The Office apparently forgot the second page when preparing U.S. Patent No. 6,928,942 B2 for issuance and publication.

Patentee requests a Certificate of Correction making the changes specified on the accompanying one (1) sheet of Form PTO/SB/44.

The exact locations where the errors appear in the patent are as follows:

**Queries/remarks:**

In the claims, replace claim 12 with the following:

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a structure made of an ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin and a first mounting portion and a second mounting portion spaced apart and adapted for attachment to a side wall of a marine vessel, and an elongate impact portion bounded by an outer surface and a concave inner surface and extending between the spaced apart mounting portions; and

further comprising a synthetic elastomeric tube comprised of neoprene and positioned within a space bordered by the concave inner surface such that the tube is adjacent to the concave inner surface and to the side wall of the marine vessel when the downcomer is mounted to the marine vessel.

**REMARKS**

It is requested that a Certificate of Correction pursuant to 37 CFR 1.322 be issued for the corrections. Although applicant believes no fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit Account No. 19-4455 for the fee under 37 CFR 1.20(a), if required, and for any other fee required due to the filing of this paper.

Please send the Certificate of Correction to the address of record for Customer No. 3528 as set forth below.

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